

AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. • Room 445 State Capitol

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting

2. Draft Legislation: "School Property Tax Equalization Amendments"

The Committee will continue its discussion from a previous meeting of proposed legislation to require a school district in a county of the first class that receives property tax revenue from a capital outlay levy equalization program to adopt schedules to increase the enrollment capacity of certain school buildings.

- Sen. Howard Stephenson

3. Draft Legislation: "Amendments to Education Financing"

The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed legislation that: (1) sets the statewide minimum basic tax rate at a fixed rate starting with taxable year 2011; (2) consolidates eight school district property tax levies into three property tax levies; and (3) provides a formula to set a school district's certified tax rate beginning with the 2011 taxable year.

- Rep. Merlynn Newbold

4. Draft Legislation: "Modifications to Higher Education Scholarships"

The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed legislation to modify provisions relating to the New Century and Regents' Scholarships.

- Sen. John Valentine

5. Draft Legislation: "School District Employees - Career Status Requirements"

The Committee will consider proposed legislation that modifies the Utah Orderly School Termination Procedures Act regarding requirements for school district employees to obtain career status.

- Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

6. Grades 4 - 6 Math Improvement Program Annual Report and Sunset Review

The Grades 4 - 6 Math Improvement Program is scheduled to terminate on July 1, 2010. The Committee will consider whether to extend, modify, or terminate the program, and also receive a statutorily-required report on how professional development and incentive bonus plans impact achievement in math.

- Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

7. Annual Reports

Utah law requires that certain entities report to the Committee on the items listed below. The reports will be mailed to committee members before the meeting. Due to a limited amount of time, the reports will not be presented or discussed in the meeting, unless a committee member has a question or comment about a report.

A. Engineering and Computer Science Initiative

The Technology Initiative Advisory Board annually reports on its activities related to the Engineering and Computer Science Initiative, including the amount of money that was distributed to higher education institutions in the state to increase the number of graduates in these fields.

- Dave Buhler, Utah System of Higher Education

B. Financial and Economic Literacy Education

The State Superintendent annually reports on the successes and improvement strategies for teaching financial and economic curricula in Utah schools.

- Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

C. School Discipline

The State Superintendent has published a report detailing effective methods of addressing discipline at schools and gives recommendations on implementing a model plan at a school.

- Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

D. Sorenson Elementary Arts Initiative

The State Board of Education reports on this program's impact on students in grades K-6.

- Margaret Hunt, Executive Director, Utah Division of Arts and Museums, and
Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

E. Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB)

The USDB reports enrollment, eligibility, and assessment information.

- Dr. Martell Menlove, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education, and
Steven Noyce, Superintendent, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

F. UPSTART

The Board of Education and a contractor chosen to implement a pilot program to develop school readiness skills of preschool children will report to the Committee on the program's achievements.

- Claudia Miner, UPSTART Program Director, Waterford Institute, and
Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

8. Other Items / Adjourn